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Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Completion of Filing Requirements for National Stage Entry

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the completion of filing requirements on the national stage entry of PCT application PCT/EP03/12643, which was filed on 12 November 2003, which, in turn, claims priority from German patent application number 102 53 633.3 filed on 13 November 2002. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 16 total claims and 1 independent claim. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – begin on page 2 and are reflected in the substitute specification submitted herewith in clean copy and marked-up copy versions.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – begin on page 7.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 8.